

**Letter to Congressional Leaders
Reporting a Certification on
Protection of Advanced
Biotechnology**

August 30, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Chairman:)

In accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997, I certify that for calendar year 2001:

In accordance with Condition 9, Protection of Advanced Biotechnology, the legitimate commercial activities and interests of chemical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical firms in the United States are not being harmed significantly by the limitations of the Convention on access to, and production of, those chemicals and toxins listed in Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 24

In the morning, the President traveled from Dana Point, CA, to Westwood, CA, and later to Las Cruces, NM. In the afternoon, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 26

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince

Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss Saudi-U.S. relations and peace efforts in the Middle East.

August 27

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch, the President met with Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East, cooperation against terrorism, child custody cases in Saudi Arabia dealing with American citizens, and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with the Ambassador and members of the Ambassador's family. Later, the President took the Ambassador and his wife, Princess Haifa Bint Faisal, on a tour of the ranch.

The President announced his appointment of Dee Hansen as U.S. Commissioner and Chairman of the Bear River Commission for Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

The President announced his intention to designate W. Scott Railton as Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Community Development Advisory Board: William Bynum and Mark Pinsky (community development financial institution representatives), Robert Gauthier (Native American tribal development representative), Richard Jaramillo and John Rigler II (insured depository institution representatives), Debra Schwartz and Pablo Wong (consumer/public interest organization representatives), and Carolyn Williams (community development representative).

August 28

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the Prime Minister's efforts to resolve conflicts between North and South Korea, and other issues concerning North Korea.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad: Steven Some,